Grant to a beggar home by the Kozhikode Municipality.

* 543 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Kozhikode Municipality, Malabar, proposed to give a grant of Rs. 1,000 per mensem to a beggar home; and

(b) whether the proposal was vetoed by the Government?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—" When the tackling of the beggar problem is taken up at the Governmental level, they shirk their responsibility by saying that it is more or less the function of local bodies and when local bodies want to give some help, the Government refuse the grant to them. May I request the Government to import more sympathy and humanity in tackling the beggar problem?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—" The Government are already tackling the beggar problem. The financial position of the Kozhikode Municipality is such that it is not permissible for them to start a beggar home."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" The beggar problem is very acute in the Kozhikode Municipality and the Government are adopting a dog-in-the-manger policy with regard to the solution of the beggar problem. When the Municipality has come forward to solve it, the Government have imposed some impossible conditions and have refused permission for the municipality to run a beggar home. Will the Government, in the light of these facts, reconsider the whole matter?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—" The beggar problem is a very great problem. Considering the financial position of the Municipality, the Government have suggested to them not to take up the matter now."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—" When the Government shove the responsibility of tackling the beggar problem on to the local bodies, will they at the same time ask them to set apart at least a portion of the municipality's or local body's income for this particular purpose and see that it is properly utilized?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—" Whenever funds permit, such a municipality is permitted to take up such works."

Inclusion of certain villages in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, under the National Extension Service.

* 544 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to include Cherukunnu, Erimavu and Kannapuram amsams in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, under the National Extension Service?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The three villages situated in Madayi firka have been included under the National Extension Service with effect from the 2nd October 1954."

Disqualification of a candidate for the post of village officer in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar.

* 545 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any Government Order or other directive disqualifying a candidate for the post of village officer in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar district, if any member of his family has taken part in political activities?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" In 1954, one Koman Nambiar applied for this post but his application was rejected by the Revenue Divisional Officer or the officer concerned on the ground that he belonged to a family of political agitators who had taken part in the National Movement in 1940. Although he is otherwise qualified, he cannot apply for the job. The whole family has been disqualified by the order of that officer. I have got a copy of that order before me. Against such an order, Sri Koman Nambiar has appealed to the Government and may I know whether the Government have received it? Also the matter has been represented to the Hon. the Minister for Revenue by my hon. Friend, Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar. May I know what action has been taken by the Government in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question relates to the order passed in 1940. Now there is no Boards Standing Order or Government Order prohibiting the appointment of persons connected with political movement."

Supply of anti-biotic drugs and P.A.S. to Government Hospitals.

* 546 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether anti-biotic drugs and P.A.S. are supplied by Government to all Government Hospitals; and

(b) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Schemes under Local Development Works Programme in Malabar.

* 547 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many schemes in Malabar have been sanctioned under Local Development Works; and

(b) how far they have progressed?